

WORSHIP GUIDE

*A Survey of Church History, Part 47b: Two Margarets:
MacLachlan and Wilson*

IN OUR TALE OF TWO MARGARETS which we began last week, we introduced Margaret MacLachlan. She had become persuaded of the biblical character of Presbyterianism and of the wickedness of prelacy. But Margaret was not one to believe one thing and then live differently from what she believed, so she refused to go to her church to worship when a curate led the services and the worship was according to Anglican rites. Instead, she chose rather to worship with like-minded people on the Lord's Day in her home. Only when non-conformist ministers conducted the services would she attend. For Margaret, this was not simple stubbornness, but a deep conviction that God was terribly displeased with worship which was in direct contradiction to the clear teachings of the Word of God.

However, she wasn't alone; many people throughout Scotland took the same unwavering stand. But many were also forced to flee their homes and parishes to escape arrest and civil penalties. These became wanderers in their own country who sought refuge and food where they could find it. When they stopped at Margaret's home, her doors were always open and shelter could always be found.

But this was a crime in the eyes of the law, and, although she was never caught in the act, the soldiers, who knew her absence from church and opposition to prelacy, took every opportunity to plunder her farm and rob her of her few possessions.

Now, before we proceed with her story, we have to tell of another Margaret, Margaret Wilson. Hers is a strange story indeed. She was the oldest child of Gilbert Wilson, a farmer of Glenvernock, in the parish of Penningham, Wigtownshire. She had one brother, Thomas, who was about 16, and one sister, Agnes, a girl of about 13 when Margaret died. They lived near and knew well Margaret MacLachlan.

The parents lived on a prosperous farm with good soil, abundant crops, and many sheep and cattle. But religious division characterized the family, and, strangely enough, it was division between parents and children. I'm not sure why this was, perhaps the entire family was, in fact, sympathetic to the Presbyterian cause; but the parents, for one reason or another, were not prepared to stand for their principles, and so worshiped in the local church under the curate and in the manner of prelacy.

But the children were different and apparently had stronger convictions than their parents. They refused to attend church when the curate presided, and they considered such unbiblical worship to be a denial of Christ their King.

Even though they were children, their absence from church did not go unnoticed. They were reported to the authorities, and when the government threatened punishment, they were forced to flee from their home to seek refuge with other wanderers in the caves of the rugged mountains of Galloway.

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. Daniel Shin

Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

Jesus calms the storm

I. The great storm

II. The great calm

III. The great fear



The Lord's Day Evening

Sunday, August 20, 2023, 4:00 p.m.



The Reverend Mr. Daniel Shin, *Presiding*
Ruling Elder Mr. LeRoy Osborn, *Assisting*

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 103:20-22

* **The Hymn of Praise**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

see bulletin

* **The Prooftext and Catechism**

Psalm 49:7-8; Heidelberg #16

see Family Worship Guide

* **The Psalm of Doxology**

Psalm 100:1-5 - *Make a Joyful Noise*

Psalm 100D

* **The Pastoral Prayer**

The Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 6:24-33

The New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

* **The Worship of God with Our Offerings**

* **The Psalm of Adoration**

Psalm 68:7-14 - *When With Your People You Went Forth*

Psalm 68C

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God's Word

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* **The Prayer of Application**

* **The Psalm of Response**

Psalm 107:23-32 - *To Those Who Sail the Seas*

Psalm 107D

* **The Benediction**

* **The Extroit**

see bulletin

* — *Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
 2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
 3. Before the hills in order stood,
 4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
 5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,

Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the
 Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine
Or earth received her frame, From ever-lasting
 Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that
 With all their lives and cares, Are carried downward

stormy blast, And our eternal home.
 arm alone, And our defense is sure.
Thou art God, To end-less years the same.
 ends the night Before the rising sun.
 by Thy flood, And lost in following years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Bears all its sons away;
 They fly forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the opening day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be thou our guard while troubles last,
 And our eternal home

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 Paraphrase of Psalm 90
 From *The Trinity Hymnal*

ST. ANNE. C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
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Extroit: Psalm 117

(v.1) 1. Praise give the LORD, you nations all; All peoples, praise now bring.
 (v.2) 2. His loving-kindness doth abound; His love toward us is sure.

Ex - tol the LORD, you peoples all, Ex - tol Him —praise and sing!
 The LORD's great faith - ful-ness endures For - ev - er —praise the LORD!

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 Psalm 117:1-2
 From *The Seedbed Psalter*

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 From *The Trinity Hymnal (Rev.)* 1990

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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

Week of August 20, 2023

THE FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE is meant to be a resource for the families of Armor. This reading schedule is designed to take your family through the Bible in chronological order in 2023, so feel free to adjust this schedule to best fit your family. See Jonathan Rogers, one of our deacons, for further details. This schedule assumes that you have the Book of Psalms for Worship and includes this week's bulletin hymns and Psalms which we'll be singing the following week. If you miss a day, just pick up where you left off and catch up another day.

Weekly Memorization:

Psalm 49:7-8

Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice.

Heidelberg #16

Q. Why must he be very man, and also perfectly righteous?

A. Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned, should likewise make satisfaction for sin; and one, who is himself a sinner, cannot satisfy for others.

Family Worship:

Monday:

Sing: Stand Up and Bless the Lord (08/20 AM bulletin)
Read: Hab 1:12-3:19; Jer 42-44
Prayer Request: Mission of the Month: Judith Collins

Tuesday:

Sing: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (08/20 PM bulletin)
Read: Jer 45:1-49:6
Prayer Request: Those who are sick

Wednesday:

Sing: Psalm 25A - To You I Lift My Soul
Read: Jer 49:7-51:64
Prayer Request: Those in authority

Thursday:

Sing: Psalm 122A - I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness
Read: Jer 52; Lam 1
Prayer Request: Armor Bible Church, OPC

Friday:

Sing: Psalm 68E - God, Your Procession Now Comes into View
Read: Lam 2-4
Prayer Request: Lost friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family

Saturday:

Sing: Psalm 102B - My Days Like Evening's Shade
Read: Lam 5; Eze 1-3
Prayer Request: For the Lord to prepare our hearts for the Lord's Day